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- ☒ The title of the invention is incorrect. The correct title is:  
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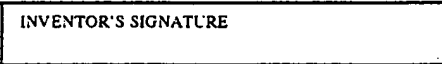
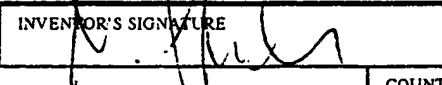
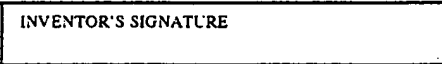
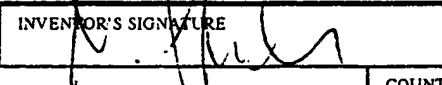
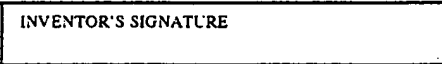
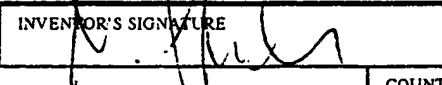
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